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Auctioneers License Revocation

RICHMOND – The Virginia Auctioneers Board revoked one auctioneer's license at its most recent meeting on Thursday, July 6. Following is a summary of the Board's action.

A copy of the file order is available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

LYNN HOWELL SHECKLER SUFFOLK, VA

File Number 2006-01109

COMPLAINANT – Helen Tolle (Maineville, OH)

VIOLATIONS – Sheckler failed to provide documentation accounting properly for items sold at auction; failed to disburse proceeds due from sale of goods; failed to notify of tentative dates of future auctions for remaining goods; failed to retain records in accordance with regulations; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2907002538 and \$500 in Board costs.

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About DPOR and the Auctioneers Board:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 265,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness cam paigns.

The Auctioneers Board licenses nearly 1,700 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of three licensed auctioneers and two citizen members.

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